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override the veto. He has ... the final item in this bill is \$300,000 for the South Omaha Metro Tech reappropriation of monies appropriated last year. This is not new money. This is money that was appropriated last year. Yet he is cutting it out. For that reason, if you're interested in the Chadron Armory, if you're interested in UNL and UNO fire safety, orders that were given by the Fire Marshal of Nebraska who works for the Governor, if you're interested in the work that needs to be done on that beef barn out there, and the Capitol improvements here, we have to override this veto. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask Senator Goodrich a question please.

SENATOR GOODRICH: OK.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Goodrich, on section 20, in regard to the fire safety improvements that have been cut by the Governor, were those original figures based upon estimates given to you that were necessary to make the changes that the Fire Marshal demanded?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, both in section 19 and 20. The Fire Marshal issued his orders as to what had to be done. Both campuses went out and got the estimates of what it would cost to do those. Frankly, we were very conservative about how we gave them the amount of money in the budget bill to do this.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then can you tell me, did the Governor just arbitrarily reduce those figures, or does he have information that the Budget Committee did not have when they appropriated that amount of money?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Frankly, I don't think the Governor has a bit of information that we didn't have at our disposal when we made the determination that we needed this amount of money to do the job.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Are those buildings in jeopardy, Senator Goodrich, from the fire safety standpoint according to the Fire Marshal's opinion if the improvements are not made?

SENATOR GOODRICH: To give you an example of this, the Fire Marshal's issued an order to vacate a building at UNO. Believe me if they feel that they want to do it they can force you to vacate the whole darn building just because you haven't complied with their orders.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then what happens in regard to the utilization of that building at the present time? Where do those students go? How do you fill the gap?

SENATOR GOODRICH: They go out and sit in the middle of the football field I guess and have their classes out in the football stadium.